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SEAT PLEASANT EMBRACES ENERGY EFFICIENCY

MCDONALDS' GETS A FACELIFT

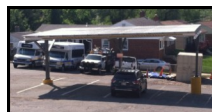
The City's energy efficient star is McDonalds at 6131 MLK, Jr. Hwy. 611th is where the Seat Pleasant McDonalds ranks in original construction among the 35,000 in the U.S. But on June 2nd the completely reconstructed McDonalds opened its doors featuring state-of-the-art adherence to energy efficiency and exemplary operational procedures.

It is most definitely a "smart" building. It features a control that adjust the interior temperature based on exterior humidity; sensor lights turn on and off as patrons enter and exit restrooms; the roof is white to reflect heat in Summer and absorb heat in Winter; automatic exterior lighting is controlled by internet sunrise/sunset times; landscaping pavers that direct runoff to a tank that is used to water shrubs and flowers; and a compactor condenses up to twenty trash bags which reduces trash collection from everyday to once a week.

This McDonalds is the newest in P.G. County and features the latest McDonalds Corporation interior design. The building has increased from 2,700 to 4,300 sq. ft.; seating capacity went from 45 to 84. The seating is arranged in several "conversation zone" areas that make for a more intimate dining experience. There are 4 flat screens around the area.

The menu boards are digital and are controlled by an outside contractor of McDonalds. They automatically change at pre-set times. Computers route the order menu for drive through and over the counter requests. The number of salads that are premade are based statistical data from the week before so only the freshest will be sold. And there are now two drive through menus for faster service. (Cont. on page 2)

GOVERNMENT OFFICES ON BOARD



The City Government has been addressing ways to more efficiently address energy consumption. In 2011, the City installed a solar panel in the parking lot of City Hall through funding from the Prince George's County Solar Energy Grant. The panel converts DC electricity to A C electricity. The AC electricity is fed through a meter connected to City Hall which uses the electricity for office equipment such as phones, computers, etc. By purchasing the solar panel, the city became a contender for receiving other energy-related grants.

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CITIZEN'S GREEN PROGRAM



The City of Seat Pleasant has received another grant from the MEA to enable income-qualified Seat Pleasant homeowners to make their homes more energy efficient. There is no age restriction and applicants must reside in the home. Recipients of this award could receive, at no cost, such energy-efficient appliances as a new stove, washer/dryer or water heater as well as other types of upgrades. Applications are available from 10am-4pm at Seat Pleasant City Hall, 6301 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743. Applications will be accepted from June 3-June 24, 2014. Please adhere to all requirements listed on the application. Please have applications notarized prior to submission. For additional information, please contact Ms. Jane Talbert, Grants Manager on 301-336-2600.



A SEAT PLEASANT SUMMER

The City of Seat Pleasant will be hosting a number of events this summer.

June

**"Summer Kickoff
Ice Cream Social"**
Sat., June 14th 12-2pm
Goodwin Park

"Let's Move" (Zumba)
Saturday, June 20th
6pm—Seniors
7pm—Regular
Goodwin Park

July

**"Pre 4th of July Celebration
Cookout & Jazz in the Park"**
Thursday, July 3rd
6-8:30 pm
Goodwin Park

"Let's Move"
Kids Zumba 6 pm
Regular Zumba 7 pm
Goodwin Park

"Let's Move" (Boot Camp)
Saturday, July 12th, 8-9 am
Goodwin Park

August

"Let's Move" (Yoga)
Friday, August 1st
2 Sessions 6pm & 7pm
Goodwin Park



"National Night Out"
Tuesday, August 5th 6-8pm
Seat Pleasant Activity Center

"Let's Move" (Boot Camp)
Saturday, August 9th
6-8 pm
Goodwin Park

"Let's Move" (Yoga)
Friday, August 22nd
2 Sessions 6pm & 7pm
Goodwin Park

Goodwin Park
311 68th Place
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

Seat Pleasant Activity Center
5720 Addison Road
Seat Pleasant, MD 20734

Please feel free to join us and spread the word to your friends and family. All events are **FREE** and open to the public. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Tiffani Darby at City Hall at 301-336-2600. Visit us on www.seatpleasantmd.gov Follow us on  

MCDONALDS (cont.)

This McDonalds also features several technological improvements that promote cleanliness. There are blowers at the drive through windows to keep flies out of the building; conveyor belt cup holders dispense ice instead of workers scooping; the ice cream machine is self-cleaning; pre-determined amounts of french fries are automatically lowered into the cookers; special gloves on top of another glove is used for handling raw products.

The owner Mr. Isaac Green is very passionate and excited about this McDonalds as a great model for the McDonalds Corporation. Mr. Green has increased employment from 50 to 70 workers. Over 350 applicants were interviewed. He participates in employee orientations and gives financial counseling to the young people. Mr. Green also feels strongly about giving back to the community and hired multi-cultural businesses for the architectural, landscaping, and other construction needs.

Be on the look out for mailings announcing the July date for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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In 2012 the City began applying and receiving grants from the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA). The first was through the MEA-Empower Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) for the replacement of all city government building fluorescent bulbs (40 watts) with high efficiency LED bulbs (14 watts).

In 2013/14 another grant was received through the MEA-Smart Energy Communities Grant. It involved the City receiving and energy audit to determine energy saving improvements and suggestions to city government buildings. The audit resulted in the replacement of all windows in City Hall as well the replacement of its 20+ year old HVAC system.

The City has also extended energy saving grant funding to the citizenry. The Senior Green Program provided several seniors with new energy efficient appliances for their homes.

Additionally Seat Pleasant is one of nine Prince George's municipalities that are part of the MEA/PG Municipal Collaboration. This partnership provided income-qualified homeowners in the city to receive weatherization work to their homes.

SAVE GAS — RIDE THE CITY CALL-A-BUS

Any resident of Seat Pleasant can ride the Call-A-Bus at no charge. Transportation are for trips within Prince George's County, MD only. The bus runs Monday thru Friday beginning at 8:00am with the last run at 2:30 pm. Appointments must be made five (5) days in advance of the appointment. To make reservations please call City Hall at 301-336-2600.

**THE SEAT PLEASANT ACTIVITY CENTER
SUMMER SCHEDULE**

<p align="center">SEAT PLEASANT ACTIVITY CENTER</p> <p align="center">5720 ADDSION ROAD SEAT PLEASANT, MD 20743 301-773-6685</p> <p align="center">MS. SHERRI KITTRELL, CENTER DIRECTOR</p>	<p align="center">BALLET & TAP, PRE-SCHOOL SATURDAY</p> <p align="center">9:30 - 10:30 A.M. 3-5 YRS OLD \$20/R \$24/NR</p> <p align="center">#1432867 JUNE 7TH #1432868 JULY 5TH #1432869 AUGUST 2ND</p>	<p align="center">BALLET, TAP & JAZZ, 6 - 8 YRS OLD</p> <p align="center">SATURDAY 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM MONDAY 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM</p> <p align="center">\$40/R \$48/NR</p> <p align="center">#1432917 JUNE 2ND #1432967 JULY 5TH #1433017 AUGUST 2ND</p>
<p align="center">BALLET & TAP 9 - 12 YRS OLD</p> <p align="center">MONDAY 7:20 - 8:00 PM WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM - 8 PM</p> <p align="center">\$40/R \$48/NR</p> <p align="center">#1433067 JUNE 2ND #1433117 JULY 1ST #1432419 AUGUST 5TH</p>	<p align="center">BASKETBALL SKILLS PRE-SCHOOL</p> <p align="center">TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 6:25 P.M. - 7:25 P.M. \$40/R \$48/NR</p> <p align="center">#1432367 JUNE 3RD #1432368 JULY 1ST #1432369 AUGUST 5TH</p>	<p align="center">BASKETBALL SKILLS, CHILDREN</p> <p align="center">3 - 5 YRS OLD 6:25 P.M. - 7:25 P.M. \$40/R \$48/NR</p> <p align="center">#1432417 JUNE 3RD #1432418 JULY 1ST #1432419 AUGUST 5TH</p>
<p align="center">EXPLORERS DAY CAMP MONDAY - FRIDAY</p> <p align="center">9:00 AM - 4:30 PM \$200/R \$240 NR</p> <p align="center">#1374967 JUNE 16TH-27TH #1374968 JUNE 30TH-JULY 11TH #1374969 JULY 14TH-25TH #1374970 JULY 8TH - AUGUST 8TH #1374971 AUGUST 11TH -15TH</p>	<p align="center">BASKETBALL DAY CAMP MONDAY - FRIDAY</p> <p align="center">9:00 AM - 4:30 PM \$220/R \$265/NR</p> <p align="center">#1375967 JUNE 16TH-27TH #1375968 JUNE 30TH-JULY 11TH #1375969 JULY 14TH -25TH #1375970 JULY 28TH -AUG. 8TH</p>	<p align="center">CPR/FIRST AID ADULTS SATURDAY</p> <p align="center">10:00A.M.-3:00P.M. 18 & UP \$60/R \$72/NR</p> <p align="center">#1432517 JUNE 14TH #1432518 JULY 12TH</p>
<p align="center">ZUMBA, MILLER ADULTS SATURDAY</p> <p align="center">10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. 18 & UP \$20/R - \$24/NR</p> <p align="center">#1432813 JUNE 7TH #14323814 JULY 5TH #1432819 AUGUST 5TH</p>	<p align="center">ZUMBA, GREEN ADULTS TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS</p> <p align="center">7:00PM -8:00PM 18 & UP \$40/R \$48/NR</p> <p align="center">#1432816 JUNE 3RD #1432817 JULY 1ST #1432819 AUGUST 5TH</p>	<p align="center">LINE DANCE, ADULTS SATURDAY</p> <p align="center">18 & UP 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM \$20/R \$24 NR</p> <p align="center">#11432617 JUNE 7TH #1432618 JULY 5TH #1432619 AUGUST 5TH</p>
<p align="center">WOMEN'S WEIGHT TRAINING TUESDAY & THURSDAY</p> <p align="center">6:30P.M.-7:30P.M 18 & UP \$40/R \$48/NR</p> <p align="center">#1432667 JUNE 3RD #1432668 JULY 1ST #1432669 AUGUST 5TH</p>	<p align="center">CHEERLEADING SATURDAY 4-17 YRS OLD</p> <p align="center">11:10 AM-12:40 PM \$40/R 48/NR</p> <p align="center">#1482967 JUNE 7TH #1482968 JULY 5TH #1483017 AUGUST 2ND</p>	<p align="center">GO GO FITNESS MONDAY</p> <p align="center">7:30 PM - 8:30 PM \$40/R 48/NR</p> <p align="center">#1432567 JUNE 2ND #1432815 JULY 14TH</p>

ANNUAL CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP



The City is continuing its Annual City Wide clean The Public Works Department will pick up trash and debris, large household items, bulk trash, and furniture. Derelict vehicle will be removed, vacant buildings will be boarded up and any criminal elements will be identified and removed. Public Works WILL NOT pick up the following items: building materials, yard clippings, grass or leaves, vehicle parts or tools. Please set any items to be disposed of out on the curb in front of your residence before 12:00 pm the day of. Remaining Dates: **Ward 3 & 4—Saturday, June 21, 2014**
Ward 5 Saturday, June 28, 2014

WASTE COLLECTION



Weekly curbside collection of yard waste will be collected year around. Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, small branches, brush and Christmas trees. Please note that effective January 1, 2014, residential curbside waste collection was no longer be accepted in plastic bags. Residents should place their yard waste loose in a collection can or use large, yard waste bags. These bags can be found at home improvement store as most grocery stores. This change is in direct response to legislation passed by the Prince George's County Council for the purpose of amending the County Recycling Program to meet updated recycling goals.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING



The Maryland Department of Agriculture will begin spraying for mosquitoes in Seat Pleasant. The Schedule is as follows:

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Seat Pleasant now provides an online payment service for certain city fees. Persons can use this service to pay police related fees and park rentals. This service will be convenient for making payments on weekends and after the City Hall close of business. If you use this service during either of these times just present your e-payment receipt on the next business day. Visit the City website www.seatpleasantmd.gov for instructions on this service.

BE INFORMED — STAY CONNECTED

The City is developing a resident email list so we can reach as many as possible regarding activities, events and news in and around the city.

Please contact City Hall at
301-336-2600
with your name and email address
or send it to:
cityadministrator@seatpleasantmd.gov

CODE ENFORCEMENT

FOURTH OF JULY

The fourth of July holiday can be lots of fun for the family however, it should be a safe one. Residents should read the following City Codes regarding this holiday:

Chapter 84 FIREARMS AND FIREWORKS

§ 84-1. Permission required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any cannon, gun, pistol or other firearm, rocket, firecracker, fireworks or air rifle within the limits of the City of Seat Pleasant without first having obtained, in writing, the permission of the Mayor and Council.

§ 84-2. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000 and/or a maximum term of six months imprisonment.

WHAT'S NEW AT CITY HALL?

DARLINDA SANDERS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING



On May 2, 2014 Ms. Darlinda Sanders retired from her position as the Community Service Liaison for the City of Seat Pleasant. Ms. Sanders began her career with the City as the receptionist. Then served as Administrative Assistant for the Economic Development Department; then City Grant Manager and served on various city and community committees. She eventually moved to her position of note in the Community Services Department. She served as the coordinator for the annual Seat Pleasant Day. She also provided memorable Veteran's Day, Black History Month, Back-to-School programs and numerous special programs like the annual AARP tax services, seminars on Medicaid/Medicare and presentations from the Office of Register of Wills. Ms. Sanders was one of the most respected employees among her peers as well as in the community. Her creativity, dedication and resourcefulness were evident in everything she did.

On her last day, coworkers, elected officials and other well-wishers came together for a heartfelt retirement gathering. Ms. Sanders will be greatly missed and we all agree that she made a difference in the City of Excellence.

While we will truly miss Ms. Sanders the Community Service Department will not miss a beat. Ms. Tiffani Darby will be serving as our new Community Service Liaison. She has experience in event planning and she is eager to bring new creative ideas, events and programs to the department. If you have suggestions, concerns or wish to volunteer for an event please contact her at Monday –Friday from 9am-5pm at 301-336-2600 or by email at tiffani.darby@seatpleasantmd.gov.



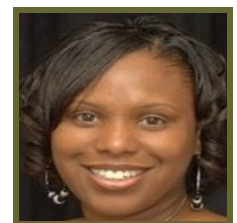
SEAT PLEASANT OFFICERS HONORED



At the Annual Police Chiefs' Association of Prince George's County Awards Program, two of Seat Pleasant's finest were honored for their services to the City. Officer Lavance Lowery was awarded Officer of the Year and Sergeant Earl Ivey was awarded Community Services Officer of the Year.

CITY CODE ENFORCER MOVES ON

Ms. Tiara Andrews, Seat Pleasant Code Enforcer has made the decision to move on in her career. Ms. Andrews served as Code Enforcer for eight years. She provided much dedication to her work out in the field and was always willing to work with citizens. Ms. Andrews will be greatly missed.



SENIOR CORNER

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DISTRIBUTION

The Community Ministry of Prince George's County sponsors a monthly free fresh fruits and vegetables food bank. The distribution is held at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center located at 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743. Registration for receiving the produce is required. The schedule is as follows:

1st Monday Monthly
Sr. Citizens only/Registration 8-10 am
 Distribution 10-12 noon

If you can't make the above time you can register:

1st /3rd Friday Monthly
 All ages/Registration 10am-1pm

If 1st Monday and 1st Friday fall in the same week, there will be no distribution on Friday

For more information contact Community Ministries at 301-499-2319

SAFETY TIPS

We all know there are people out there who like to prey on seniors. The following are some tips to help seniors live safer:

- Never open your door automatically.
- Lock your doors and windows. (Three quarters of the burglaries involving older persons involved unlocked doors and windows; and, less than one half of these robberies are reported.)
- Vary your daily routine.
- Use "Neighbor Watch" to keep an eye on your neighborhood. A concerned neighbor is often the best protection against crime because suspicious persons and activities are noticed and reported to police promptly.
- Don't leave notes on the door when going out.
- Leave lights on when going out at night; use a timer to turn lights on and off when you are away for an extended period.
- Notify neighbors and the police when going away on a trip.
- Be wary of unsolicited offers to make repairs to your home. Deal only with reputable businesses.
- Don't hesitate to report crime or suspicious activities.

POLICE MODULAR BUILDING UPDATE



The City is moving forward with preparatory procedures for the new police modular building. There are many components involved in addition to the actual modular being placed on the site. They involve surveying, engineering, architectural and, utilities work just to name a few. Our Public Works Director Mr. Johnny Thompson, is working closely with construction professionals. We look forward to a great police site.

FEGGANS CENTER DEMOLITION UNDERWAY

After making sure the City had the correct documentation and needed demolition permits the Feggans Center is finally coming down. The work hours are between 7am and 3:30 pm Monday through Friday.



The park will be closed during demolition.

STATE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

The Renters' Tax Credit Program provides credits against rent tenants who qualify based on a sliding scale of rental liability and income. The Renter's Tax Credit Program is a State funded program. The program was put in place to address the inflationary increases in rents. The Renter's Tax Credit Eligibility application can be completed one of three ways listed below:

1. By Mailing the application to the address below
2. By Using the online Renter's Tax Credit Application
 (Application online is due **September 1, 2014**).
3. By Printing and mailing the pdf application on the State Department of Assessment and Taxation web site:
<http://www.dat.state.md.us>

The State of Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation mailing address is:

Department of Assessment and Taxation
 Renter' Tax Credit Program
 301 West Preston Street
 Baltimore Maryland 21201

**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
Ms. Dashaun Lanham**

LEGISLATION

Introduced in April

• **RESOLUTION R-14-12**

A RESOLUTION concerning Waiver of Competitive Bidding—Police Vehicle

• **RESOLUTION R-14-13**

A RESOLUTION concerning Waiver of Competitive bidding—Police Department Modular Building

• **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

O-14-13 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget for the City of Seat Pleasant, Maryland

Copies of legislation are available from the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 6301 Addison Rd. Seat Pleasant, MD 20743-2125

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Mayor and City Council will meet on the following days in the months of July, August and September 2014:

July

Regular Work Session
Monday, July 7, 2014, 6:00pm

Public Session
Monday, July 14, 2014, 7:00 pm

August

City Council Recess

September

Regular Work Session
Check Marquis or contact City Clerk

Public Session
Monday, September 8, 7:00 pm

The meetings will be held at Seat Pleasant City Hall Council Chambers 6301 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743-2125

If you desire to speak before the Council at the Public Session, please contact the City Clerk to register your concerns before the meeting.

**VOTER REGISTRATION
UPDATE**

The Board of Supervisors of Election would like to update the Voter Registration List for the City of Seat Pleasant. The Board is requesting that **ALL** residents of the City assist them in this process by taking the following steps:

1. If you have a family member that is DECEASED, please send a letter to the Board of Election informing them of this information. You will need to identify yourself in the letter. The letter should state the name of the person that is deceased that may be listed as an active voter.
2. If you reside in a property and you continue to receive mail for the previous resident, please return the mail to the post office. Addressed as the "WRONG ADDRESS".
3. If a person has relocated permanently, please encourage them to update their Voter Registration.
4. If you noticed NEW residents, please send them to City Hall to complete a Voter Registration Card to change their Voter information.

Please mail your letter to:

Prince George's County Board of Election, 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774-8758



Councilman Johnie L. Higgs
Councilman-at-Large

To all the young people of the City of Excellence~

Have a wonderful Summer! But don't forget to pick up a book and read sometimes. Facebook and Twitter are not books!

Take care.



Councilman Kelly Porter
Councilman-at-Large

Last month I visited the children of the Seat Pleasant Elementary School to encourage their educational growth and to answer any questions about their city government. If you would like to give of your time at the Seat Pleasant Elementary School please give them a call at 301-925-2330.



Councilwoman Elenora Simms
Ward I

Please join me for the Ward 1 Meeting on:

Saturday, July 12, 2014
12:00—2:00 pm
Seat Pleasant City Hall
Council Chambers
6301 Addison Rd.
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

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BATES TRASH	301-773-2069
CAPITOL HEIGHTS/MAIN POST OFFICES	301-333-5494/301-499-7304
CITY HALL/CALL-A-BUS	301-336-2600
METRO ACCESS	301-562-5360
PEPCO/OUTAGES & WIRES	202-833-7500/877-737-2662
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPT. OF AGING	301-265-8450
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES	301-909-7025
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ELECTION BOARD	301-341-7300
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY THE BUS	301-883-5600
WASHINGTON GAS/EMERGENCY	703-750-1000/703-750-1400
WSSC/EMERGENCY	301-206-9772/301-206-4002

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